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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

David R Vincent

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-39 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-39 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) and the Intellectual Property and High Technology Technical Amendments Act of 2002 do not apply when the reference is a U.S. patent resulting directly or indirectly from an international application filed before November 29, 2000. Therefore, the prior art date of the reference is determined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

2. Claims 1-39 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Takemura (US 6,671,271).

Takemura discloses connecting various inputs to various outputs using encoding and decoding broadcasting, multicasting and various formats (col. 4, lines 40-59; col. 5, lines 1-13; **col. 6, lines 42-67**; col. 10, lines 1-29; Figs. 1, 3-6; col. 11, line 31-col. 14, line 38), going from the first input (in1) to

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decode to first output (out1) (going from optical in 104 to optical to electrical decoder, col. 13, lines 10-19 to ATM TX 110, Fig. 7), in2 to encode to out2 (going from ATM in 108, Fig. 7 to electrical to optical to 106, col. 11, lines 31-56), from in1 to out2 (any input to any output, col. 4, lines 40-59; col. 5, lines 1-13; col. 6, lines 42-67; col. 10, lines 1-29; Figs. 1, 3-6), going from an input to multiple outputs (going to both active and standby, broadcasting or multicasting, col. 14, lines 15-28; col. 16, lines 30-46; col. 20, lines 53-65), going from in1/in2 to decode to encode to out2 (going from optical in 104 to optical to electrical, to optical output 106), going from in2/in1 to decode to encode to out1 (going from optical in 104 to optical to electrical, to optical output 106), in1 encode to decode to out1 (ATM in 108 encoding in 108, to decoding for STS-1, 114, Fig. 8 to out 116), in1 to decode to out2 (Optical in 104 to ATM out 110) and encoding decoded traffic and out2 (encoding for STS format, out 116, using broadcasting col. 14, lines 15-28; col. 16, lines 30-46; col. 20, lines 53-65), as specified in claims 1-36.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David R Vincent whose telephone number is 703 305 4957. The examiner can normally be reached on M-TH.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Douglas Olms can be reached on 703 305 4703. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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